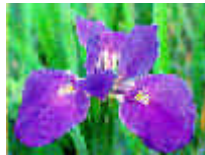


Secretary of State Fox McKeithen's

Louisiana Coloring Book



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Hi, I'm Fox McKeithen, your Secretary of State...but everyone calls me Fox. Fox is not a name you hear every day, but I'm very proud of it. My father named me "Walter" and "Fox" after two of his best friends he knew from World War II. Ask someone in your family how you got your name. You might find a very good story behind it. I hope that you enjoy learning all about some of the symbols of Louisiana. You live in a wonderful place, and we are happy that you are a part of it.

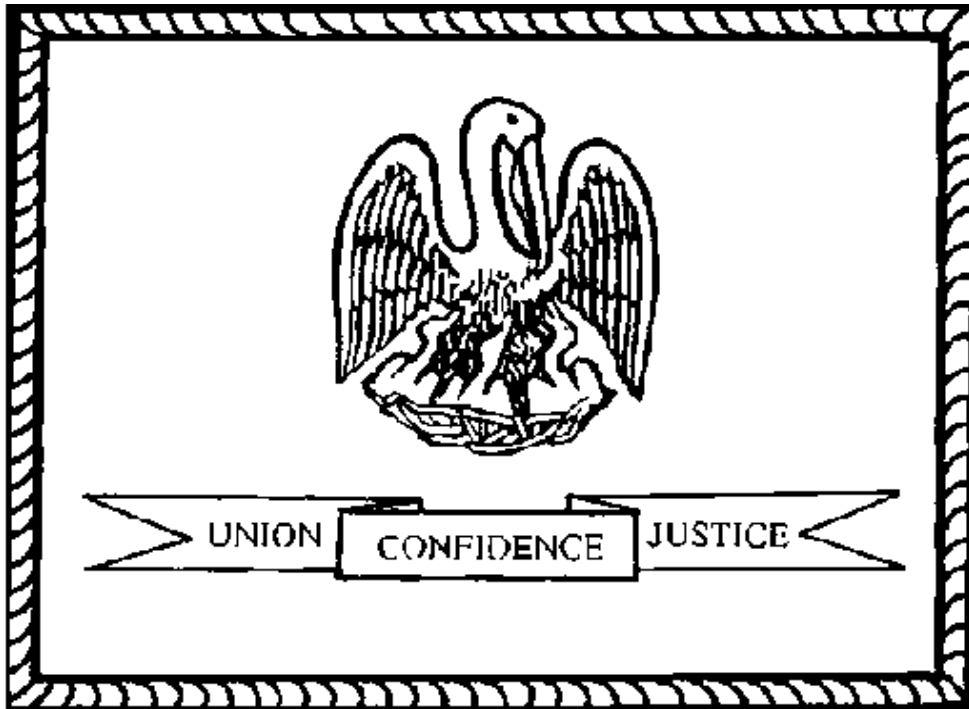
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State Flag

On July 1, 1912, the legislature adopted a state flag featuring a pelican in white, trimmed with gold, feeding her young on a field of blue.



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State Seal

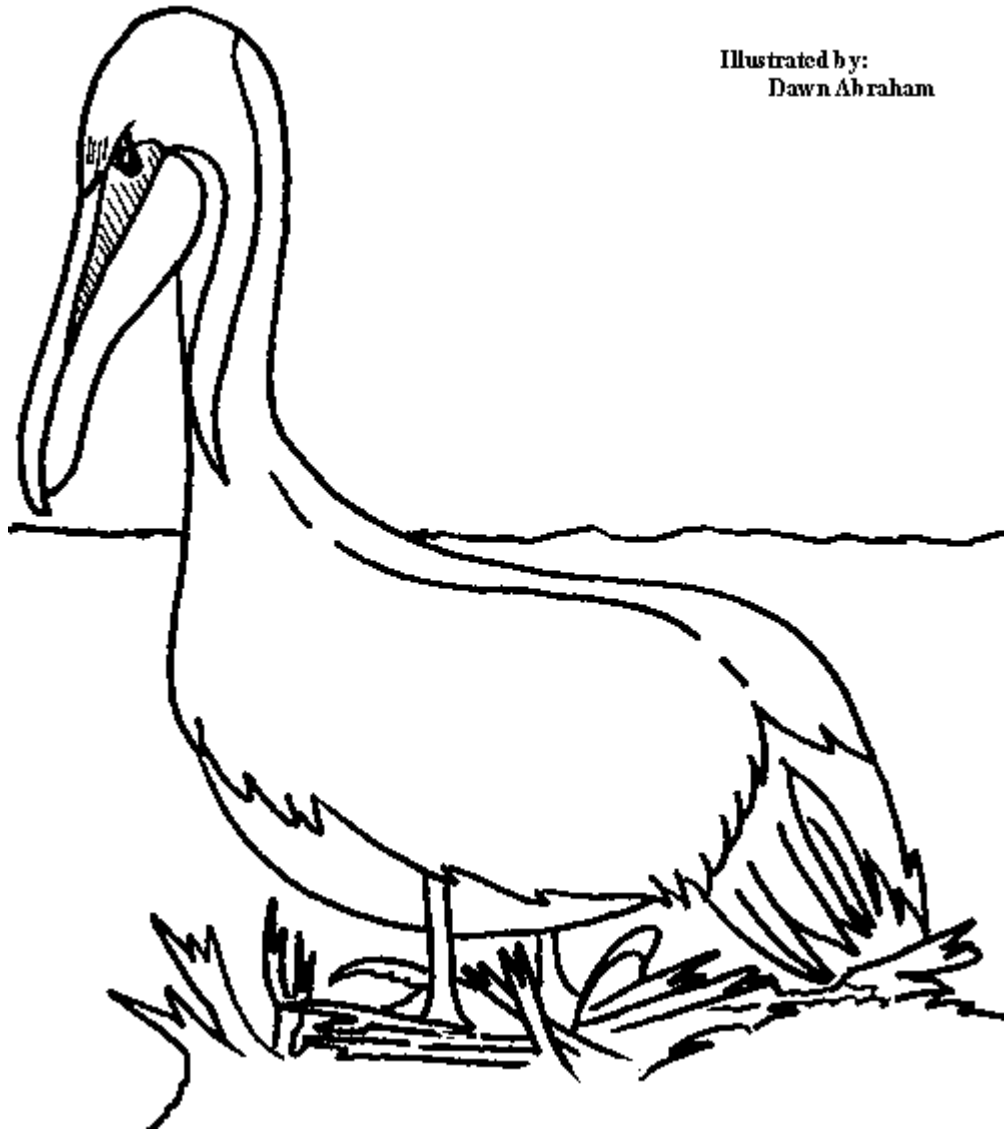
One of the duties of the Secretary of State's Office is keeper of the Great Seal of Louisiana. He must attest and imprint with the seal all official documents and laws passed by the legislature, proclamations of the governor and commissions.



Pelican

The Brown Pelican is Louisiana's official bird; it nests from South Carolina to Brazil. Pelicans are famous for their large bill, the lower portion of which has a pouch that may greatly extend.

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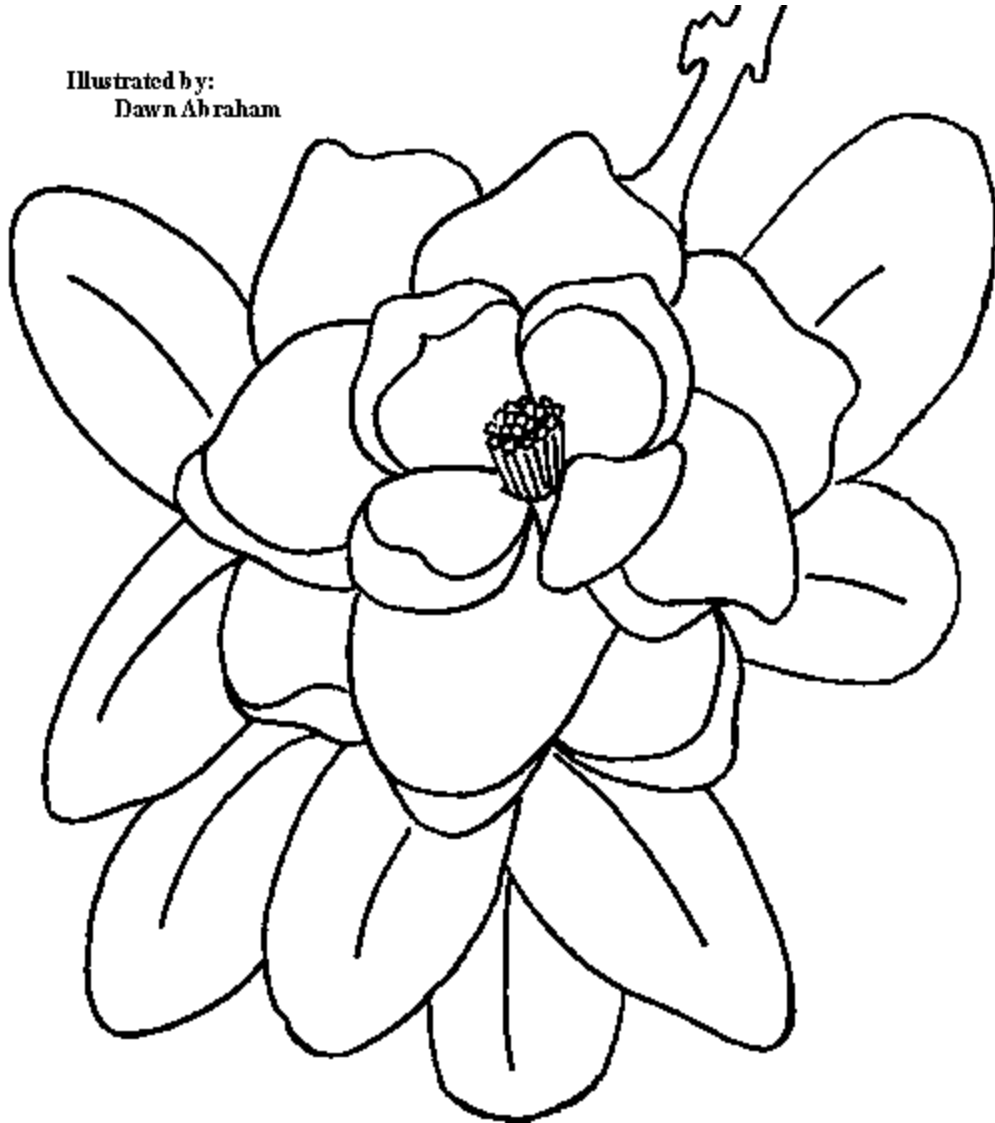


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Magnolia

The large creamy-white bloom of the magnolia tree was designated the state flower in 1900 because of the abundance of the trees throughout the state. The magnolia is an evergreen and the flower is usually fragrant. After 6 to 12 petals have fallen, the large cone shaped fruit of the magnolia is exposed.

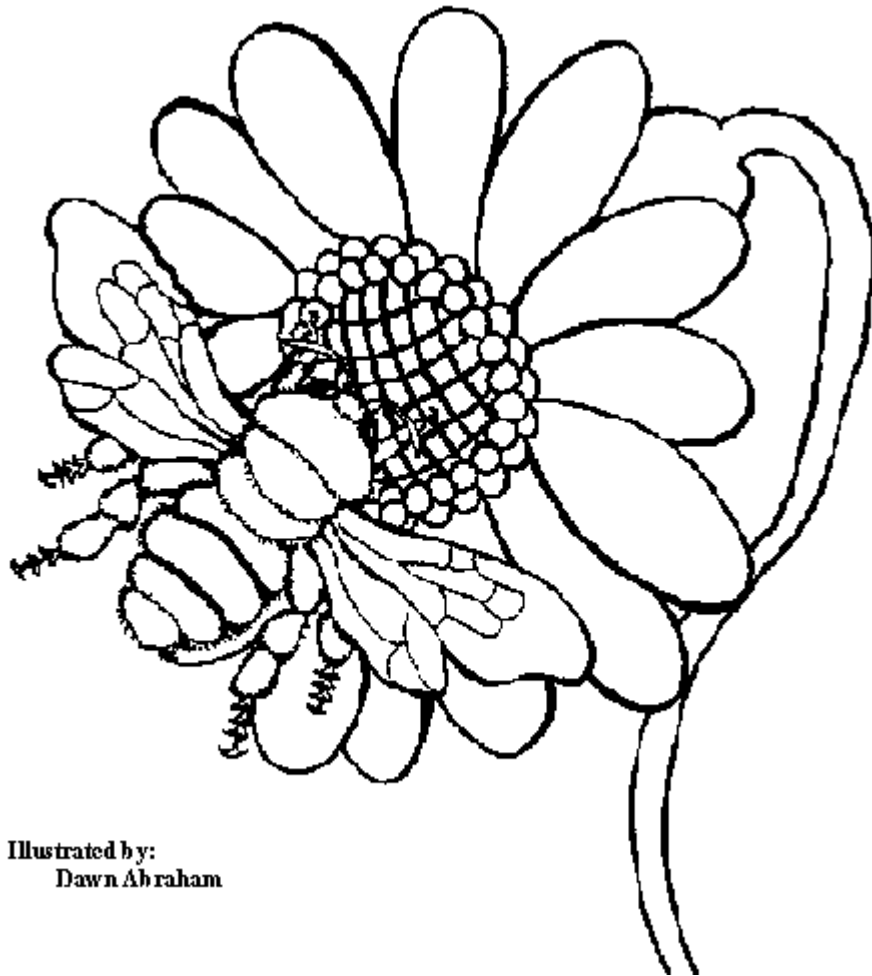
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Honey Bee

The American Honey Bee is Louisiana's state Insect. They are social insects which live as a group, sharing chores and work in the hive and caring for the brood, the "baby" bees. There are 3 different types of bees in the hive: the worker, the drone, and the queen. In the summer there may be as many as 40,000 to 60,000 bees living in a single colony.



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Catahoula Leopard Dog

The Catahoula Leopard Dog is the only breed of dog native to Louisiana. The hound is a cross of domestic dog the Indians of the Catahoula Lake region raised and a Spanish "war dog" that came through the area in the early 1500's. The dog has glassy eyes, webbed feet and a spotted coat. They are gentle with children, loyal to family, and aggressive to strangers, making them good pets and guard dogs. As a hunting dog, the animal is diligent, dependable, efficient and especially good at tracking raccoons, deer, and squirrels.

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Strawberry

The 2001 Louisiana Legislature selected the strawberry as the official state fruit. Ponchatoula, located in Tangipahoa Parish, is considered the strawberry capital of Louisiana. The annual festival attracts 300,000 festival goers to the small town of 5,000.



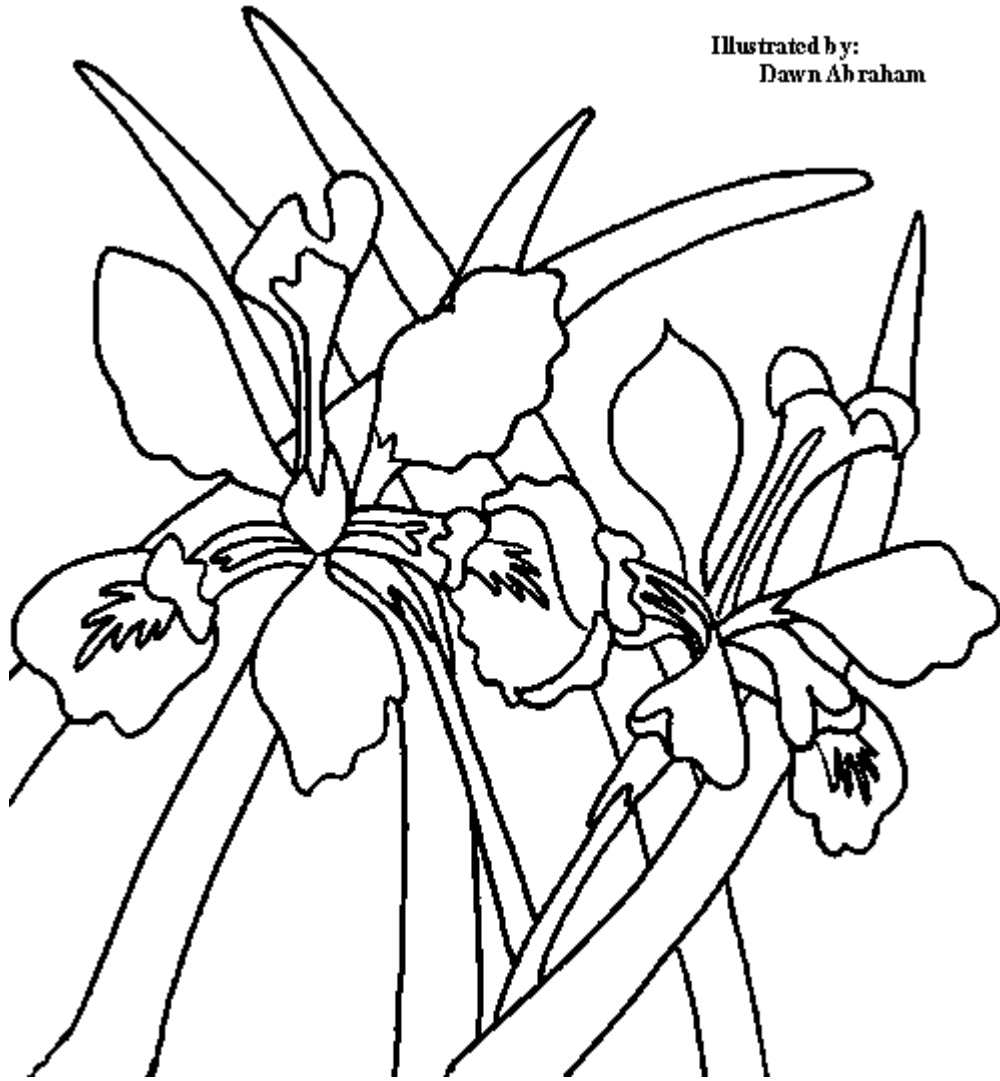
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Louisiana Iris

The Louisiana Iris is perhaps the most magnificent of its species. Although it is adaptable to all climates, the iris is seen growing wild mainly in damp, marshy locations on Louisiana's coastal areas and for perhaps 100 miles inland. This graceful beauty grows to a height of 5 to 6 feet and has a wider color range than any other iris, ranging from pale blue to deep indigo.

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Crawfish

South Louisiana is the crawfish capital of the world, supporting a multi-million dollar a year industry. The crawfish greatly resembles the lobster in appearance, but is much smaller. Its color varies with the water which it lives.



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Alligator

The Alligator is common in the swamps, rivers, bayous and marshes of Louisiana and other states along the southeastern coast of the U.S. It is a large semi-aquatic, armored reptile that is dull gray and dark olive in color. Alligators are usually between 6 and 16 feet in length and can weigh 450-550 pounds. They eat meat, eating anything they can catch including fish, turtles, lizards, snakes, small mammals, waterfowl and crawfish. Alligators provide better care for their young than most reptiles, protecting them for a year or more after birth.

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Bald Cypress Tree

Half of Louisiana is timbered with an abundance of varied and beautiful trees, but no action was taken to select a state tree until 1963 when the bald cypress was made the official tree of Louisiana. The cypress grows in many areas of the state, particularly swamps, bayous and marshes. This is a cypress tree with its exposed roots, called knees, at sunset which appears black against the sky ranging from red to orange to yellow as the sky moves away from the horizon.

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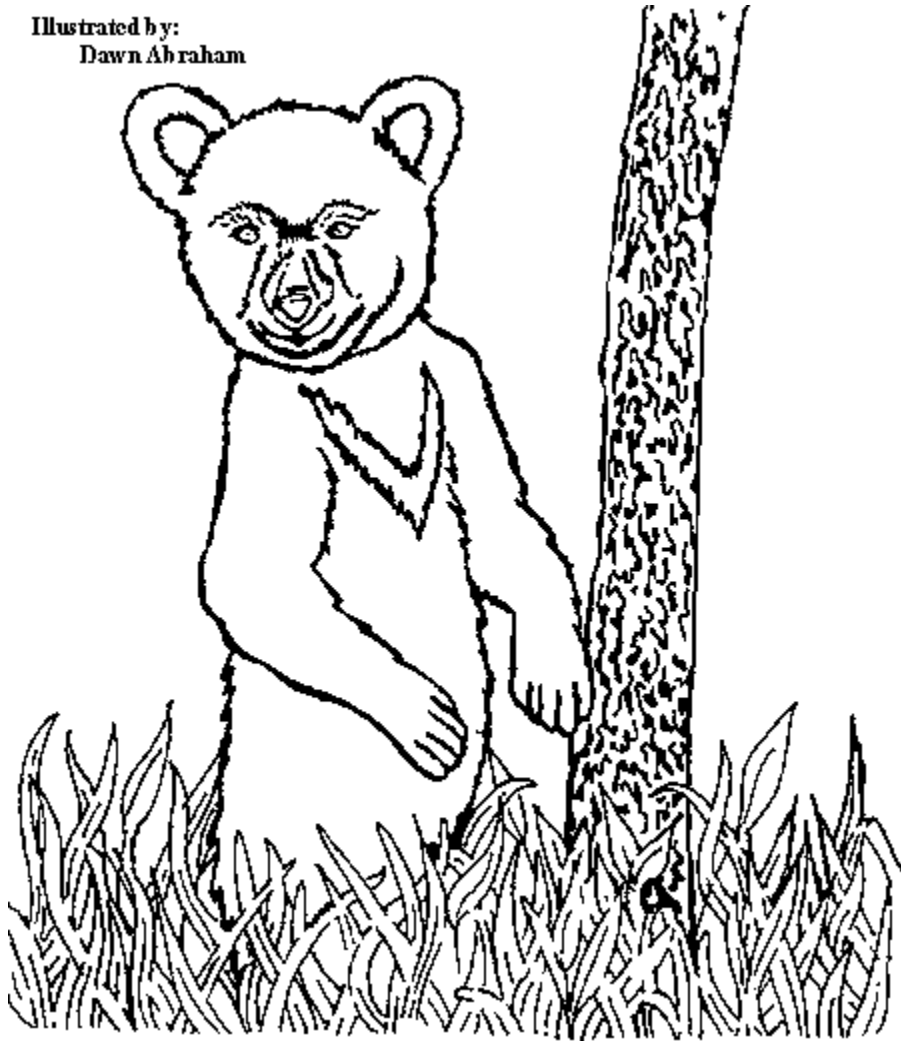


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Louisiana Black Bear

The Louisiana Black Bear is one of 16 recognized subspecies of the American black bear "*Ursus Americanus*". This bear has a skull that is long, narrow and flat; however, he has very large molars or back teeth. Black bears are huge, bulky animals with long black hair and can weigh more than 600 pounds. The Louisiana black bear often winters in hollow cypress trees either in or along sloughs, lakes or riverbanks in bottom land habitats of the Tensas and Atchafalaya river basins.

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